

### **In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method of preserving a perishable product placed in a container comprising:

attaching a flexible envelope comprising at least one protruding tab on at least a part of ends of the container to form an airtight casing for the products evacuating fluid contained in the casing by spreading at least one of the tabs to form a temporary passage between the interior and exterior of the casing,

compressing or pressing the flexible envelope against the products and/or the container such that the fluid trapped in the casing is removed via the temporary passage,

blocking the passage, and

inserting at least one of the tabs inside the casing to form a communication conduit between the interior and the exterior of said casing.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising stretching the flexible envelope such that it fits to the ends of the container.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising inserting at least one tab in the casing, heating and/or cooking the products enclosed in the casing by microwave or other heating equipment.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising writing on a surface of the envelope to identify the product present in the casing.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising attaching ~~of~~ a support illustrating a warning related to the product and/or a communication of a general nature, on a surface of the envelope.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising attaching at least a second envelope to a first envelope and/or to the container, the second envelope being capable of containing ice cubes or a heat-insulating product to reduce and/or maintain the temperature of the perishable product.
7. (Original) A preservation device comprising a multiplicity of protruding tabs, at least one of the protruding tabs having a greater length than the other tabs.
8. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 7, wherein the envelope has an essentially circular plane surface at an end of which extends perpendicularly a portion of essentially cylindrical form.
9. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 7, wherein the protruding tabs extend in a plane parallel to a plane defined by the surface of the envelope.

10. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 9, wherein the protruding tabs are located essentially at ends of the cylindrical portion.

11. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 7, wherein the protruding tabs are arranged in pairs opposite each other.

12. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 7, wherein the envelope is made of plastic.

13. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 12, wherein the envelope is made of an elastomer.

14. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 8, wherein an end of the surface and the cylindrical portion have a thickness greater than the rest of the surface.

15. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 14, wherein the greater thickness is in fluted form describing a sinusoidal form.

16. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 14, wherein the surface has a thickness of 0.44 millimeters  $\pm$  0.05 mm, with an end as well as the cylindrical portion having a thickness

ranging from  $0.44 \text{ mm} \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$  at a recess of the sinusoidal fluting to  $1.44 \text{ mm} \pm 0.05$  at a peak of the sinusoidal fluting.

17. (Currently Amended) The preservation device according to claim 8, the portion comprises a multiplicity of ~~oblique~~ elastic elements capable of ensuring a airtightness of the casing.

18. (Original) The preservation device according to claim 17, wherein the ~~oblique~~ elements are located on an internal surface of the cylindrical portion in contact with walls of the container.

19. (New) A preservation device comprising:

an envelope; and

at least two protruding tabs which extend in a plane parallel to a plane defined by a surface of the envelope, wherein the envelope is made of an elastomer.

20. (New) The preservation device of claim 19, wherein the at least two protruding tabs are located at ends of the envelope.

21. (New) The preservation device of claim 19, wherein the at least two protruding tabs comprise at least four protruding tabs.

22. (New) The preservation device of claim 19, wherein the envelope has an essentially circular

plane surface at an end of which extends perpendicularly a portion of essentially cylindrical form.

23. (New) The preservation device of claim 22, wherein an end of the surface and the cylindrical portion have a thickness greater than the rest of the surface.

24. (New) The preservation device of claim 23, wherein the greater thickness is in fluted form describing a sinusoidal form.

25. (New) The preservation device of claim 23, wherein the surface has a thickness of 0.44 millimeters  $\pm$  0.05 mm, with an end as well as the cylindrical portion having a thickness ranging from 0.44 mm  $\pm$  0.05 mm at a recess of the sinusoidal fluting to 1.44 mm  $\pm$  0.05 at a peak of the sinusoidal fluting.

26. (New) The preservation device of claim 22, wherein the cylindrical portion comprises a multiplicity of elastic elements capable of ensuring airtightness of the casing.

27. (New) The preservation device according to claim 17, wherein the elements are located on an internal surface of the cylindrical portion in contact with walls of the container.

28. (New) A method of preserving a perishable product placed in a container comprising:  
attaching a first portion of a flexible envelope on a container containing the perishable

product;

attaching a second portion of the flexible envelope on the container by grasping the flexible envelope and stretching the flexible envelope to completely cover the container and create an airtight seal,

wherein the flexible envelope is made of an elastomer.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the flexible envelope has an essentially circular plane surface at an end of which extends perpendicularly a portion of essentially cylindrical form.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the flexible envelope includes at least two protruding tabs located at ends of the envelope.